

Docket No. 1948-4293US1IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 26 2004****OFFICIAL**

Applicant(s) : Menard et al.

Serial No. : 09/041,538

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed : March 11, 1998

Examiner: A. Singh

For : **FRICTION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE  
EMPLOYING FRICTION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE  
METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICTION MATERIAL AND  
THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

**REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO-1449 AND  
PUBLICATION OF REFERENCE CITATIONS ON PATENT TO ISSUE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following request is submitted in response to a Notice of Allowance dated **February 12, 2004**, and setting a issue fee due date of **May 12, 2004**. No fee and petition are believed to be necessary for consideration of this request. However, should any fee be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4293US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED. Moreover, should any petition be deemed necessary for consideration of this Request, such petition is hereby made.

**REMARKS**

The Applicants request return by the Office of an initialed PTO-1449 verifying consideration of all foreign references submitted to the Office by Information Disclosure Statement. The Applicants make this request to ensure that such foreign references are printed on the face of the patent to issue on this application.

With the filing of the present continuation application on March 11, 1998, the Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 (both attached as Appendix